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Strange and Wonderful News (1)

FROM

FRANCE:

OF THE

FRENCH KINGS Renouncing

THE

Popes Supremacy.

GReat have been the Expectation, not only of England, *but of all* Europe, *whether this difference between his Holiness and the King of* France *would tend, and where it would end, every Court in Christendom earnestly expecting the Issue, which the most Christian King hath now resolved, and given the World satisfaction in; which is, That he has absolutely renounced and cast off the Popes Supremacy; for it has been resolved by the King, the Parliament of* Paris, *the Doctors of* Sorborne, *and the Chief of the Clergy of* France.

I.

That the Pope hath no Supremasie over the Church of *France*, but that the King is next to God and Christ, Supreme Head

Head and Governour over all Persons and Causes within his Dominions, as well Ecclesiastical as Civil, and hath no Dependancie upon the Pope.

II.

That the Pope hath no power by his Bulls, or otherwise, to Absolve or Free His Majesties Subjects from their Oaths of Allegiance.

III.

That a General Councel is above the Pope, and that a Pope without a General Couneel, is not Infallible.

IV.

That the Pope hath no power to Determine Controversies, otherwise, than by the Decrees of the General Councel.

And now the great expectation is, how the Pope will resent this Disobedience, (as the old Fop will without doubt term it) but we hope it may prove the utter overthrow of the Infallible Chair, that has been in a tottering condition, and never stood firm since *Luthers* time.

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